

## Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

## **1981 CHAPTER 14**

## PART IV

MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS OF PARTS II AND III IN RELATION TO CERTAIN VEHICLES AND AREAS

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- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a local education authority may—
  - (a) use a school bus, when it is being used to provide free school transport, to carry as fare-paying passengers persons other than those for whom the free school transport is provided;
  - (b) use a school bus belonging to the authority, when it is not being used to provide free school transport, to provide a local bus service;

and sections 6, 8, 9, 12(1) and 22 of this Act shall not apply to a school bus belonging to a local education authority in the course of its use by the authority in accordance with this subsection.

- (2) Subsection (1) above does not affect the duties of a local education authority in relation to the provision of free school transport or authorise a local education authority to make any charge for the carriage of a pupil on a journey which he is required to make in the course of his education at a school maintained by such an authority.
- (3) In this section—
  - " free school transport" means transport provided by a local education authority in pursuance of arrangements under section 55(1) of the Education Act 1944 for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of pupils at a place of education;
  - " local bus service " means a stage carriage service other than a service as regards which the condition specified in section 2(3)(a) of this Act is satisfied;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

" school bus ", in relation to a local education authority, means a motor vehicle which is used by that authority to provide free school transport.

- (4) In the application of this section to Scotland—
  - (a) for the references to a local education authority there shall be substituted references to an education authority;
  - (b) in subsection (2) above for "maintained by "there shall be substituted "under the management of "; and
  - (c) in subsection (3) above for the definition of "free school transport" there shall be substituted—

"" free school transport " means transport between a pupil's home and place of education provided in pursuance of arrangements under subsection (1)(a) of section 51 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (pupils for whom such transport facilities are necessary) or in pursuance of subsection (2) of that section (other pupils allowed to use vacant seats free of charge)".